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Bio-diversity Management Committees
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Bio-diversity Management Committees (BMC) currently operational in the country and the number of BMCs set up during the last two years, State-wise;
(b) the details of progress made by the BMCs till date regarding the conservation of biological diversity, particularly the protection of traditional knowledge;
(c) the details of financial assistance provided by the Government to the BMCs during each of the last three years and the current year respectively, State-wise including the amount of funds allocated to the National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) during the said period;
(d) whether the Government has any plan to introduce reforms to strengthen performance and coordination between the NBA, State Biodiversity Boards (SBB) and the BMCs; and
(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
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(a)Currently, 62,055 BMCs are operational in 26 States. During 2014-15 and 2015-16, this figure was 37,769 and 41,180, respectively in 26 States. The details of State-wise and year-wise number of BMCs are provided in Annexure-I.

(b)According to Rule 22 of Biological Diversity Rules 2004, the main function of the BMC is to prepare People's Biodiversity Registers (PBRs) in consultation with local people which contain comprehensive information on the availability and knowledge of biological resources or any other use including traditional knowledge associated with them. So far, 5151 such PBRs have been prepared.

(c)The details of financial assistance provided to BMCs by the National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) from the funds received from the Government during the last three years and the current year, State-wise through NBA during the said period, are provided in Annexure-2.

(d)& (e) Coordination between NBA, State Biodiversity Boards (SBBs) and BMCs is promoted and ensured in order to improve their performance through several measures, including periodic regional and national level consultations with SBBs, providing financial assistance to SBBs and BMCs inter alia for training and capacity building, preparation and dissemination of knowledge materials and dissemination, participation in thematic expert committees, peer to peer learning and exchange visits, and developing of websites.

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